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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the RiverMills Senior Center, 5 West Main Street are as follows:

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Vieau, John L.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Debra Guardino, 220 Wildermere Street, talked about opioid related deaths-Chicopee is higher than Springfield and Holyoke, Worcester and Boston. Spoke of facilities, recovery homes. Sober homes. Services for women are much lower than for men. Local ER's are ill equipped. Adolescence often have co-current mental health issues. Meetings are needed. Numbers are frightening for youth services. Resources in Chicopee are sorely lacking. She is angry. Michael Pise, 33 Bonneville Avenue, Thank the council- the fund our future program was voted on by the house and senate today. Thanks for the help, and help to the schools.

Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to accept the minutes of 11/7/19 and 11/13/19. Motion passed.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Seven hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$750,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Primary Clarifier Repairs from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated to replace a clarifier tank. Previously approved to pay for design, time to replace now. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Five hundred six thousand five hundred eighty five and 31/100 dollars (\$506,585.31) to the following named account: Police Special Account for WestComm Expenditures from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated WestComm assessed the amount needed, pro-rated from October of 2019 to June of 2020. Councilor Tillotson stated the expense is high but there are only two communities so far. Hoping more communities will join. The state kicked in money, divide the cost up among the other communities. Hopefully the cost will come down. State believes in a regional approach. Councilor Labrie stated WestComm coming on line will add 10-12 Policemen & 8-10 Firefighters back to the streets. Great thing we can do. More cities' we add on, the lower the cost will be. Can add up to six cities. Big benefit to get personnel on the streets. Councilor Laflamme asked for a report on spending from the Mayor's office. Councilor Vieau stated the

state is paying 80%. Erin Hastings, executive director of WestComm stated this was attached in the packet. The exchange is based on population and call volume. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for West End Mills Improvements from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated 2.6 million dollar grant, west end mills location, replaced a 47 year old pump station. New sewer interceptors, grant didn't cover the total cost. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-4 Mayors appropriation of Sixty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$65,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated this is a transfer to cover the cost of a vacuum excavation system. Councilor Laflamme stated really needed. Used for emergency calls. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-5 Mayors appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Collection System Special Account for Grit Disposal from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass. Councilor Walczak stated with the landfill closing, need to haul the grit. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-6 Mayors appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the D.P.W. Special Account for Sewer Backup Prevention.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated to pay Engineering services for a 5 year permit. Negotiations with the EPA. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-7 Mayors appropriation of Forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated this is a piece of equipment necessary. Transfer from their own account. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-8 Mayors appropriation of Forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Forestry Special Account for Forestry Services from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated this is a request for tree removal services. There was a microburst and two strong wind storms, tree removal with the use of a crane. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-9 Mayors appropriation of Twenty three thousand six hundred forty one and 00/100 dollars (\$23,641.00) to the following named account: Police Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in the Police Salary Account for Witness Fees.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated a transfer used for departmental equipment. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-10 Mayors appropriation of One hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$150.00) to the following named account: Highway Expense Account for Miscellaneous Departmental Supplies from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated Home Depot invoice missed the last fiscal year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-11 An order authorizing the City to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Ludlow in accordance with M.G.L. 40, Section 4A relative to the installation of sewer infrastructure serving Bluebird Acres Mobile Home Park.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee. Councilor Dobosz made a motion to rescind the original motion. Councilor Dobosz made a motion to receive, pass and authorize the inter-municipal agreement. Councilor Dobosz stated 1 ½ to 2 years ago the city was told about the problem. Most people would lose their homes without the agreement. In a contract 50/50 to get the system connected with the Town of Ludlow. Owner asked to refer to committee, unexpected wording in the agreement. Ludlow tacked on a 30% sewer rate. Liz Botelho gave an explanation with the agreement. Based on calculations this was agreeable. This is an agreement between the two Cities, the city will decide the amount. The people were paying. Agreement is between the city and Ludlow. Their residents pay a rate. Our waste will go to their city, several months have been spent working out this agreement. We are already behind schedule, reluctant to delay this any further. Councilor McAuliffe stated our rate is 130% of Ludlow's rate. Ludlow is much lower than Chicopee. Councilor Courchesne stated they are paying the Ludlow rate. Councilor Dobosz stated this affects a lot of people, poor people. Don't want anyone to lose their home. Owner of BlueBird Acres has agreed to pass. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of One thousand two hundred and 00/100 (\$1,200.00) from the Rotary Club of Chicopee to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said grant is to be used to purchase smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Laflamme stated \$1200 is to be used for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for residents over 60. Lifesaving grant. Chief Stamborski stated simply call the department

and prove a need for it. Will help everyone who calls. Reminder that it is fall and there is no open burning in the City of Chicopee. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-13 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Three hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$300.00) from the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 2000 to the Chicopee Department of Veterans Services. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor McAuliffe stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-14 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Debra A. Boronski, 157 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts as a member of the Chicopee Retirement Board to serve in such office for the term of 3 years expiring in the 3rd of November, 2022.

*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and be approved this evening. Councilor Roy stated reappointment. Motion passed.

- MO-15 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, James P. Lynch, 95 Bardon Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2022. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment –
to complete Edward A. Rybak term.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and be approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated was head of the Housing Authority, everyone knows him. Came in earlier, recommend to appoint him this evening. Motion passed.

- 16 ORDERED THAT the Utilities Subcommittee meet to discuss gas leaks in the City.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee and invite Columbia Gas, Fire & the DPW Superintendent. Councilor Dobosz stated the corner of Moreau Drive and Litwin Lane there is the smell of gas. Told there was a 2%-3% gas leak, has to be 5% for Columbia Gas to fix immediately. Try to fix as soon as possible. Smell every night, residents said they have been calling for months. Legal questions? Concerns. City should be notified of gas leaks, can the city pressure them to fix this? Motion passed, referred.

- 17 ORDERED THAT "NO DUMPING" with fines signs be installed along the city property on Dobek Avenue.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and sent to DPW for implementation, to read no littering \$200 fine. Councilor Dobosz stated dumping problems. People walking dogs, no one picking up after their dogs. Deterrent. Councilor Labrie suggested asking for the sign that reads \$200 fine for littering. Signs worked in his area. Councilor Roy talked to Liz about signs, waiting for them. Motion passed, referred.

- 18 ORDERED THAT the Utilities Committee have a public hearing regarding the water pressure in the Burnett Road area.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee and invite Tom Hamel. Councilor Dobosz stated the gas leak & this one can be done together before the end of the year. Why does water pressure drop at times? Notably low on occasions. Motion passed, referred.

- 19 ORDERED THAT Matt's Auto Mall, LLC, 1840 Memorial Drive, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license(s) currently held by Matt's Auto Mall, LLC, including compliance with restrictions imposed upon and licenses held by Matt's Auto Mall, LLC. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Matt's Auto Mall, LLC. Violation - too many vehicles on property.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 20 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Add to 169-8

Two no dumping signs on Irene Street one on the Ward 1 side of Roberts Pond and one across the street.

Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and change to read Ordered That, sent to DPW for implementation, \$200 littering sign. Councilor Courchesne stated sent to DPW, get signs put up. Councilor McAuliffe thanked Councilor Courchesne and the Mayor's office. Councilor Laflamme stated went to look at this, looked like someone is living down there. Motion passed.

- 21 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-52(B)(11) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of home occupation license to operate a home office. Location: 374 Springfield Street. Applied for by: Ivelesse C. Bell, 374 Springfield Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 22 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-9(L)(I)/53(b)(11) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of to transfer existing special permit for use of residential B zoned property as a parking lot. Location: 456-458 Front Street. Applied for by: Camer LLC, 456 Front Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to Planning and the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 23 An NEW application for a Taxi Cab Driver for: Zaheer A. Shaikh, 25 Lorraine Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 24 A NEW Class 2 application for Graham's Auto located at: 1765 Donahue Road, Ste. B. Applied for by: David Graham, 519 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 25 Class 1 License Renewal for 2020

Metro Motors of Chicopee, Inc.

650 C Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

- 26-32 Class 2 License Renewals for 2020

Gary's Auto Sales

125-131 Broadway

Geno's Auto Service, Inc. d/b/a Geno's Auto Sales

121 Memorial Drive

International Automobile, Inc.

341 Chicopee Street

J.F. Wegrzynek, Inc. d/b/a Jan's Auto Service

1737 Donahue Road

Kin's Auto Sales

1095 Chicopee Street

Unique Auto, Inc.

40 Prospect Street

Unique Motors, Inc.

1021 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions, except #32 be postponed to the call of the chair. Motion passed.

- 33 Class 3 License Renewals for 2020

Pasterczyk's Welding & Repair Shop, Inc.

1738 Donahue Road

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

- 34-35 Auto Body License Renewals for 2020

Roger's Auto Body & Glass

26 Old James Street

Stan's Auto Body & Glass, Inc.

101 Carew Street

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

36 Auto Detail License Renewals for 2020

Metro Motors of Chicopee, Inc.

650 C Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

37-42 Auto Repair License Renewals for 2020

Don's Auto Repair

36 Gilmore Street

Kin's Auto Glass

628 Center Street

Matta Brothers Service Station, Inc.

817 Front Street

Metro Motors of Chicopee, Inc.

650 C Memorial Drive

Tony's Auto Repair

341 Chicopee Street

Town Fair Tire Centers, Inc.

886 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

43-45 Auto Body/Auto Repair License Renewals for 2020

Gary's Auto Sales

125 Broadway

J.F. Wegrzynek, Inc. d/b/a Jan's Auto Service

1737 Donahue Road

Unique Motors, Inc.

1021 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK